

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated January 13, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 1-13 are rejected to by the Examiner. With this response, new claims 14 and 15 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-15 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 1-5, 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,514,503 to Evans et al. (hereinafter "Evans") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,445,437 to Miyazaki et al. (hereinafter "Miyazaki"). Claims 6-9, 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Evans in view of Miyazaki, and further in view of JP 404134401 to Kobayashi et al. (hereinafter "Kobayashi").

The rejection of claims 1-5, 10, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Evans in view of Miyazaki is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Applicants submit that the cited references do not teach or suggest every element of the claims.

Claim 1 recites a method of method of fabricating a color filter including "repositioning the Red, Green, and Blue colored inks from the cliché to the active area and the dummy area of the substrate." Claim 10 recites a color filter substrate for a Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) device including "Red, Green and Blue color filters on the active area and the dummy area of the substrate." In rejecting claims 1 and 10, the Examiner correctly states in the Office Action "[Evans]...does not explicitly disclose providing a substrate which is divided into a dummy area for not realizing images." The Examiner cites Miyazaki as teaching a substrate "divided into a display area and a non-display area." Applicants submit that Miyazaki does not teach or suggest that the non-display area is a dummy area having color inks or color filters as recited in the claims. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the cited references do not teach or suggest every element of claims 1 and 10, and that claims 1 and 10, as well as claims 2-5 and 12 depending therefrom are allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claims 6-9, 11, and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Evans in view of Miyazaki as applied to claim 1, and further in view of Kobayashi is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Applicants submit that the cited references do not teach or suggest every element of the claims.

Applicants note that claims 6-8, 11 and 13 depend from claims 1 and 10 and recite all of the limitations of their respective base claims. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Evans and Miyazaki do not teach all of the limitations of claims 6-8, 11 and 13 for at least the reasons given above with respect to claims 1 and 10. Applicants further submit that Kobayashi does not cure the deficiencies of Evans and Miyazaki as described with respect to claims 1 and 10, and that Kobayashi, Evans, and Miyazaki analyzed singly or in any combination fail to teach the cited feature of claims 1 and 10. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 6-8, 11 and 13 are allowable over Kobayashi, Evans, and Miyazaki at least because of their deficiencies from claims 1 and 10.

Further, claim 6 recites, “forming a black matrix between the Red, Green and Blue ink colored of the dummy area.” The Examiner cites Kobayashi as curing this deficiency, indicating, “Kobayashi et al. teaches a black matrix (36) formed between the Red, Green, and Blue ink/filters colored on the dummy area.” Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner’s contention that feature “36” is formed on a dummy area of the substrate separate from an active area. Kobayashi refers to a “dummy layer” extending over the entire substrate. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Kobayashi, Evans, and Miyazaki analyzed singly or in any combination fail to teach the cited feature of claim 6, and that claim 6 is allowable over the cited references. Applicants further submit that claims 7 and 8 depending from claim 6 are allowable over Kobayashi, Evans, and Miyazaki at least because of their dependencies from claim 6.

Similarly, claim 9 recites, “forming a black matrix on the substrate between the Red, Green and Blue colored inks of the active area and the dummy area.” The above argument for claim 6 with respect to this feature applies equally well to claim 9. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Kobayashi, Evans, and Miyazaki analyzed singly or in any combination fail to teach the cited feature of claim 9, and that claim 9 is allowable over the cited references.

Applicants submit that new claims 14 and 15 are allowable over the cited references at least because of their dependency from claim 1.

Applicants believe the foregoing arguments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.


If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps

necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

Respectfully submitted,

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